

REMARKS

All of the previous claims in this application (claims 1-10) were either cancelled or finally rejected in an Office action mailed April 1, 2005. The Examiner concluded that a previous amendment failed to comply with the enablement requirement, and that the claims were too indefinite and ambiguous to examine.

Because continuing examination is necessary, the original claims have all been cancelled, and new claims 11-14 are submitted herewith. These are believed to comply with the Examiner's comments.

Claims 11 and 12 will be recognized as the opener of Fig. 5. claims 13 and 14 recite an additional feature shown in Fig. 4. The additional feature is the U-shaped abutment 40.

The following remarks are those presented in the amendment dated January 26, 2005, which were intended to respond to the rejections in the first Office action.

As to the references, McCabe shows merely a sheet partially wrapped around a can. This is not an "opener". It is merely a shroud to get a protected grip on something like an oil filter. There is no stop or limit to establish its location. It can slip on or off. All of the claims recite a stop at the top.

Horton shows a strap well-adapted to hang from a key ring. It is mere grip. It has no stop.

West shows a structure with fingers inside that enable the device to work with both a smaller cap and a larger jar. For

this purpose the inner wall is not a gripping surface, but rather a group of fingers.

Morel is a solid cylinder with grips on the outside. There is no discontinuity to the C-shape. It enables distortion of a continuous body, but not flexibility of the body. There is a difference. Applicant's C-shape can open up simply. Morel's device requires a more integral distortion, and does not truly open up. His enlargements 11 have nothing to do with an easier grip. They are merely larger ridges than ridges 14. Applicant's arch-shaped connection enables the opener to enlarge readily.

Magarian is cited to show two diameters. But these are not interposed by a shoulder which limits the movement of the opener onto the lid arm preventing engagement with a jar. Instead it is a boundary between two sets of splines that are interengaged with the wrench. The concept is entirely different, as is the use. This completes the repetition of the previously-submitted Remarks

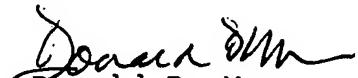
In addition, at this time, as to claims 13 and 14, the undersigned would emphasize that the U-shaped abutment is entirely on the outside of the opener body. The gap between the ends of the C-shaped body are not directly connected as they are in Morel. This is a product for people with weak grips. It is a feature of this embodiment that while providing an abutment for a better grip, it does so without making it more difficult to open the body to admit the lid.

The necessary form and fee, together with a request for an

extension of time to respond accompany this amendment. Should any other or additional fee be required, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 13-3952.

Reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the claims, are respectfully solicited.

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